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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis 1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 49153-PCT		FOR FURTHER ACTION	
		See paragraph 2 below	
International application No. PCT/DE2005/000153	International filing date (day/month/year) 01.02.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 06.02.2004	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC F01L1/18, F01L1/24			
Applicant INA-SCHAEFFLER KG			

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.	<p>With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).</p>
2.	<p>With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. type of material<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing<input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listingb. format of material<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> in written format<input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable formc. time of filing/furnishing<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed.<input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form.<input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.	<p><input type="checkbox"/> In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.</p>
4.	<p>Additional comments:</p>

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2. Citations and explanations:

V.1 Claim 1

The invention defined in claim 1 meets the requirements for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability of PCT Article 33(2) to (4).

Since the features of independent claim 1 are not stated in their entirety in any of the documents cited in the search report or assessed in the introductory part of the description, the subject matter of claim 1 is novel.

The documents cited in the search report do not provide a person skilled in the art with any motivation to design the connecting device according to claim 1 in a valve actuation device according to

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(2000-04-11); (D1).*

The measure of designing the opening (14) in the limb (11) that is associated with the supporting element (6) in the form of a slot results from a step which does not constitute a coherent development of the cited prior art. The connecting device according to claim 1 therefore involves an inventive step.

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<p>The subject matter of claim 1 is functional and can be manufactured and is therefore also to be regarded as industrially applicable.</p> <p>V.2 Dependent claims</p> <p>Dependent claims 2 to 15 contain developments as per claim 1 and thus likewise meet the requirements for novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability of PCT Article 33(2) to (4).</p>		